



New Hope Notes

The Monthly Newsletter for New Hope Presbyterian Church

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear New Hope Church Family and Friends,

In this article I will be talking with you about RELATIONSHIPS! I suppose that what I am about to say applies to all our relationships (wife/husband; child/parent; employer/employee etc., etc., etc.). But, what I want to address more specifically is: THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS in all of our relationships. Without clear communications, marriages crumble. Without clear communications between parents and their sons and daughters, conflict gets out of control. And without clear communications between an employer and employee the job will not get done and someone may get fired.

God created us to live in relationship with Him and with each other (Genesis 1; Luke 10:27; and 1 Corinthians 12:27) This is 3/4s of what the church is meant to be. Living out our faith in relationship with each other and God. THEREFORE, CLEAR COMMUNICATION is essential in any healthy church! The governing board of the church (the session) is determined to make clear communications a reality at New Hope Church... because we want New Hope to be a healthy church and a useful tool in the hands of God. In order to improve communication in your church we are taking 2 important steps:

We have taken out a 1-year subscription to "One Call Now," a company that enables us to call all the members of the congregation in just a few minutes. We have used this tool twice since we subscribed to it. First, as a reminder of the strawberry festival – as a result we had more people at the strawberry festival this year than in any year in the recent past. Then, this past Saturday we called to notify the congregation that the outdoor service which had been planned was being moved indoors to the sanctuary because of rain and thunderstorms in the forecast. Again it was an easy and efficient way to communicate with everyone. (If you did not get one of these calls please call the church office at 724-863-7702 so we can add your name to the call list and/or investigate why you were missed.) Even if you are homebound or living out of town and unable to get to church, we want to include you so that you know what is going on in your church. God created us for relationships, and relationships are based on clear communications. We pray that you find the "One Call Now" system helpful in your relationship with your church!!!

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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Christ,

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The second step we are taking to improve communications is that, BEGINNING WITH THIS NEWSLETTER, ALL NEWSLETTER WILL BE "emailed" TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION (that is to say, to everyone for whom we have an email address).

In the past we have gone to all of the work of publishing a newsletter. We made paper copies and put them in the bulletin the last Sunday of the month. And, if you were not in church that particular Sunday, too bad for you! You just didn't get to know what was going on in church that month. You were out of the loop and out of luck. Paper copies will still be available at church if you prefer those. But everyone for whom we have an email address will get an email copy each month. So if you do not get copy of "New Hope Notes" in your email, please call the church office 724-863-7702, give us your email address, and we will send you a copy quickly.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP COMMUNICATING WITH GOD REGULARLY THROUGH JESUS CHRIST (yes, the fancy word for that is prayer). Such communication is the foundation of a strong relationship with Him. Tell God how much you love Him. Tell God what you need and ask him to help you. Tell him what others need and ask him to help them. And finally, don't forget to thank Him for all of the wonderful ways that he has blessed you!

God created us for relationship with each other and with Him. And good communication is the foundation on which life's best relationships are built. We hope that you count your relationship with the people of New Hope Church among your life's best relationships. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future!!! And I hope to see you in church this Sunday, if not before.

Sincerely In Christ,

John

THE PASTOR'S REGISTER

Confirmation

On Sunday, June 9, we welcomed Anthony and Mary Janetka into the congregation upon their confession of faith, and presented them each with a new Bible.



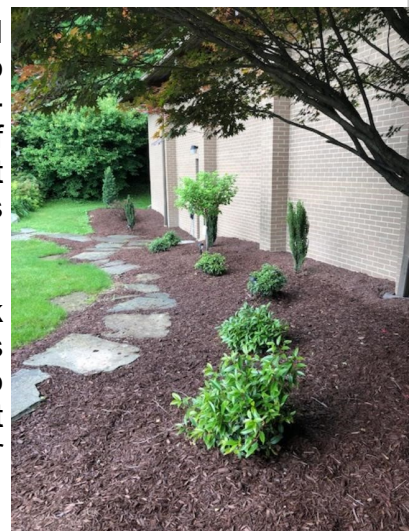
Bereavement

Your prayers are requested for the family of Lois Fowler. Lois, the mother of Sharon (Chris) Priatko, passed away on Sunday, May 19.

NEW CHURCH LANDSCAPING

I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to update the landscaping at the front of the church building. It looks beautiful and is very welcoming!

A very special thank you to Donna Fields and Carl Shirey who headed up the project and contributed their talents and efforts.



FINANCE

NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2019 COMMITMENT TO PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE

For each member, our commitment is: Presbytery mission - \$8.90, Presbytery per capita - \$22.35, Synod per capita - \$2.30, and General Assembly per capita - \$8.95 for a total of \$42.50.

If you would like to help the church pay for our commitment, please use the PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT envelope contained in your 2019 offering envelopes.

The Care Team for Financial Stewardship

2019 FINANCIAL UPDATE

If you have any questions, please see John Cherepko, the church treasurer.

	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET
Jan	\$9,282.23	\$14,145.60	-\$4,863.37
Feb	\$11,499.29	\$13,489.96	-\$1,990.67
Mar	\$14,454.87	\$17,131.39	-\$2,676.52
Apr	\$13,518.81	\$13,304.68	\$214.13
May	\$10,634.51	\$13,281.75	-\$2,647.24
Total	\$59,389.71	\$71,353.38	-\$11,963.67

NEW HOPE SESSION

SESSION SNIPPETS

by Bill Siebert

Meeting on 6/20/19, the Session...

- Had a short discussion on guests vs. visitors in worship as a time of learning.
- Approved a change in planned Communion dates from 8/18/19 (outdoor service) to 9/8/19 (indoor service).
- Approved revising the Session Manual to reflect PA state guidelines for child clearances to be every 5 years for volunteers.
- Heard that the Nominating Committee is working on nominations for 2020.
- Was briefed by Jim St. Clair and P&S Landscaping on drainage problems on the church property and findings from initial investigations. Approved moving forward on a proposal to proceed with additional investigations (and repairs if possible).
- Agreed that expected costs could be covered through the Adult Education Fund for five of our music people to attend a Volkwein's seminar.
- Agreed that Rev. Simpson should spend some time working with others (e.g. Redstone Highlands and other local churches) to determine the possibility of bringing a Validation Therapy program for adults with dementia to the Norwin area.

YOUR NEW HOPE ELDERS

Clerk of Session: Bill Siebert

Class of 2019: John Cherepko, Bill Siebert, Paula McFarlane

Class of 2020: Helen Connors, Sue Pressler, Jim St. Clair

Class of 2021: Edith Burdis, Judy Evan, Donna Van Allen

QUICK QUOTES

Much trouble is caused
by our yearnings
getting ahead
of our earnings.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	2 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	3 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	4 No Meals on Wheels today <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i> <i>Office closed</i>	5 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>Office closed</i>	6
7 10:30 Worship Service	8 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	9 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	10 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 10:00am Financial Stewardship	11 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	12 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	13
14 10:30 Worship Service	15 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	16 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	17 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	18 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 8:30am NAMOW Board meeting	19 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels <i>July newsletter articles due</i>	20
	VACATION BIBLE CAMP: "ROAR!" 6:00-8:30pm July 15 - 18			July 16-20 Youth Triennium/Indiana		
21 10:30 Worship Service with Communion	22 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	23 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	24 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	25 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels 7pm Property mtg.	26 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	27
28 10:30 Worship Service	29 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	30 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	31 7:30am-12:30pm Meals on Wheels	 <i>"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." Psalm 139:9-10</i>		

JULY REMINDERS:

- Mission of the Month for July is: Paper Towels for The Blackburn Center
- Sign up for Vacation Bible Camp soon, and invite your friends and family!

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Tanner Krevokuch
- 2nd Cary Good
- 5th Wade Anderson
- 6th Micci Sacco
- 10th John Pressler
- 10th Brian Walker
- 12th Bud Gilbert
- 12th Ron Jacobovitz
- 12th Dawn Krevokuch
- 15th Loretta Peters
- 18th Joann Gilbert
- 21st Lucille Bossart
- 23rd Erika Bitar
- 29th Sib Hamilton
- 30th Lois Hancock



July Anniversaries

- 1st Dave & Cheryl Perry
- 12th Matt & Erin Anticole
- 12th Mark & Jane Rusnak
- 31st Walter & Lucille Bossart



Their mission: The Blackburn Center advocates for the rights of all individuals to live free from domestic and sexual violence and other forms of violence by eliminating the root causes of this violence and providing for the well-being and safety of survivors/victims.

Our Mission of the Month item for July will be Paper Towels, which are being collected for distribution to the Blackburn Center.



NEW HOPE MAILBOX

New Hope Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for sharing your space to allow our troop gatherings. Here's to building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place!

Sincerely,
Girl Scout Troop 1633

[signed by:] Makayla, Riley, Caroline, Claire S., Addie, Meredith, Makenzie, Ellie, Raina, Amelya, Claire, Khloe, Amelia, Jayna, Jenna, Myria, Jinjur, Autumn, Charlotte, and Addison



Dear Church family,
Just wanted to send you a very sincere thank you for your gift. I'm certain it will be useful as I get settled in and begin buying books and whatever else I'll need for college life.

I'm still a little apprehensive because I'm not entirely sure what to expect but definitely excited because I've been looking forward to it for so long. Wish me luck. ☺

Sincerely,
Chris [Hinson]



Thank you to everyone who helped make my 80th Birthday celebration so special. It was great to share this day with all of you, my dear friends. I also thank my wife, Eleanor, and my "daughter," Donna, for their planning and organizing! And I can't forget all the ladies of New Hope for their help! (Couldn't have done it without you!). Once again, thank you all!

Jim St. Clair



Thank you to everyone who supported the Chinese Auction at our Strawberry Festival in June, especially those who donated baskets. We made \$138 for the Norwin Castle Keep project!

Trudy Painter

If you would like to be added to the birthday/ anniversary list, or if you notice an error, please contact the church office - thank you!

FOOD, FAITH, AND FELLOWSHIP

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

By Joann Gilbert

The Mission and Outreach Committee wishes to thank the members of New Hope for their generous support of our successful Strawberry Fest for 2019.

Whether attending and bringing a friend, helping with the advertising, getting strawberries ready to serve, helping in the kitchen or food areas, or setting-up the Fellowship Hall, you were part of the effort toward a profit of \$660.

We served 153 strawberry desserts; the "Chinese Auction" donated \$138 to the Norwin High School "Castle Keep" program, and approximately 165 persons hopefully had a "Berry Good Time!"



Hardworking kitchen crew cleaning up at the Strawberry Festival on June 8! From left: Howard & Faith Snyder, Lois Hancock, and Jan & Elmer Griffin.



A great big thank you to everyone who came by to enjoy the Strawberry Festival and Chinese Auction!



The "GLOH Girls" enjoyed a summer picnic at their June gathering. Meetings are in recess for the summer months, and will resume on September 9.

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HE LATER ADMITTED THAT THE SERMON DIDN'T SEEM QUITE AS INTERESTING AS IT DID WHEN HE WAS CREATING IT

CLASS OF 2019!



Congratulations to Christopher Hinson (*photo at right*), who graduated from Norwin High School this year. Chris will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to obtain his Bachelor degree and will then continue on for his Master's degree in Computer Science. He also plans to minor in Physics.



Photo at left: Beautiful presentation by Andy & Paula McFarlane in the sanctuary for Memorial Day weekend, with a very meaningful message for the Children and Youth offered by Andy.



Photo at left: New Hope Youth work to establish a garden in the lower level just outside the fellowship hall. Thanks to their efforts, the cook and kitchen helpers at Meals on Wheels will have ready access to fresh produce right outside their back door!

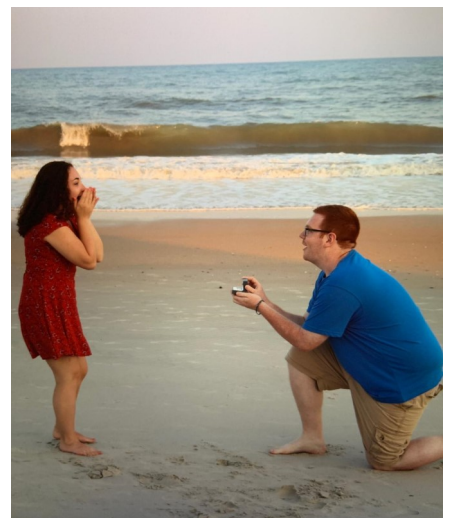


ENGAGEMENT

Our best wishes to Marie Campion and Brad Gillespie, who became engaged while vacationing at the beach in May (*photo at right*)!

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the August newsletter is on Friday, July 19. Please submit articles, photos, and committee information to the church office via email at contactnewhope@verizon.net. Also, extra copies are always available in the narthex... please consider taking one to give to a friend! Thank you!



CHRISTIAN NURTURE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - "ROAR!"

This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Monday through Thursday, July 15-18, from 6:00-8:30pm, with the theme "ROAR!" This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. One of the best parts about Roar VBS is its award-winning music, with fun songs your kids will want to listen to again and again.

Registration is now open, and parents may sign their children up online at <https://vbspro.events/p/newhope15642> and selecting 'Participants.' Volunteers are needed to help out at Bible School, too, and helpers may sign up by using the same link and selecting 'Volunteer.' If you need additional help or prefer to register by phone, please call the church office.

Christian Nurture decided to ask for donations for VBS this year by "sponsoring a child" for the week at a cost of \$10/child. To contribute, please use the envelopes found in the narthex, and in your Sunday bulletin on July 7.



COMMUNITY UNITY

NEW GENERATION SINGERS



St. Joseph's Christian Singing Youth Group

Performing Live at St. John's Lutheran Church
Route 30 in North Versailles, PA

"Along the Way"

Tuesday, July 16, at 7:30pm

Food Truck Fridays



Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church
1665 Lincoln Way
White Oak, PA

July 5 and August 2 from 5:00-9:00pm

Food Truck Vendors,
seating for eating, games, fellowship,
and family-friendly entertainment!

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